

Senate Concurrent Resolution 101 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY DOTZLER
1 3 A Concurrent Resolution requesting the legislative
1 4 council to establish an interim study committee
1 5 concerning the creation of a statewide, standardized
1 6 health care pool to obtain and provide health care
1 7 benefits to employees of the state, cities, counties,
1 8 and school districts.
1 9 WHEREAS, rising health care costs of public
1 10 employees are of great concern; and
1 11 WHEREAS, creation of a statewide, standardized
1 12 health care pool of public employees might alleviate
1 13 the problem; NOW THEREFORE,
1 14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
1 15 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the legislative
1 16 council is requested to establish an interim study
1 17 committee to examine and make recommendations
1 18 concerning the possibility of creating a statewide,
1 19 standardized health care pool to obtain and provide
1 20 health care benefits to employees of the state,
1 21 cities, counties, and school districts.
1 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if created, the
1 23 interim committee, as directed by the legislative
1 24 council, conduct a study that examines the feasibility
1 25 of, including but not limited to the following:
1 26 establishing a premium rating system based on the
1 27 statewide health status, claims experience, and other
1 28 demographic characteristics of such public employees;
1 29 establishing basic or standard health benefit plans
1 30 with benefit levels, cost-sharing levels, exclusions,
2 1 and limitations available to all such employees;
2 2 establishing uniform coverage plans with benefit
2 3 coverages that may be added to the basic or standard
2 4 plans, at the option of the public employer or
2 5 employee; and establishing restrictions on premium
2 6 rates and rate increases.
2 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if created, the
2 8 membership of the interim committee shall include, as
2 9 determined by the legislative council, the following:
2 10 one county official, appointed by the Iowa state
2 11 association of counties; one city official, appointed
2 12 by the league of Iowa cities; one school corporation
2 13 officer appointed by the Iowa association of school
2 14 boards; one state official; four members of the
2 15 general assembly, two state senators one of whom shall
2 16 be appointed by the majority leader of the senate and
2 17 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader
2 18 of the senate, and two state representatives one of
2 19 whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house
2 20 and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
2 21 leader of the house; four public employees appointed
2 22 by the legislative council; the commissioner of
2 23 insurance or the commissioner's designee, as an ex
2 24 officio, nonvoting member of the interim committee;
2 25 and the director of the department of administrative
2 26 services or the director's designee, as an ex officio,
2 27 nonvoting member of the committee.
2 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if created, in making
2 29 all appointments to the interim committee,
2 30 consideration be given to gender, race, or ethnic
3 1 representation, population and demographic factors,
3 2 and representation of different geographic regions,
3 3 that all appointments comply with Iowa Code sections
3 4 69.16 and 69.16A; and the co-chairpersons of the
3 5 interim committee be a senate and a house committee
3 6 member designated by the legislative council.
3 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if created, the
3 8 interim committee as directed by the legislative
3 9 council report to the general assembly and the
3 10 governor by January 15, 2009, regarding the interim
3 11 committee's findings and recommendations, including
3 12 proposed legislation.

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